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AMENDMENT

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). Cloth designed to be provided with at least one permanent fold, comprising:

a plurality of weft threads oriented in a weft direction;

a plurality of warp threads interwoven in a uniformly spaced manner with the weft threads in a warp direction;

at least one folding zone arranged to define the at least one permanent fold extending in the warp direction; and

at least one shrink thread woven in said cloth, wherein the at least one shrink thread is woven in the cloth according to a general in the weft direction and extending crosswise over the folding zone, wherein the spacing of the plurality of warp threads within the folding zone is increased such that the at least one shrink thread is situated over a larger distance on a single side of the cloth than anywhere else in the cloth outside the folding zone.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented). Cloth according to claim 1, wherein said at least one shrink thread comprises several shrink threads extending at a distance from each other over the folding zone.

Claims 5-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented). Cloth according to claim 1, wherein said at least one shrink thread is made of a material that shrinks, on application of an appropriate treatment, with at least 5% more than the material of which are made the remaining threads that are woven in a general direction parallel to said at least one shrink thread.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented). Method for realising at least one permanent fold in a cloth—according to claim 1, comprising subjecting the cloth, at least there where a fold is to be formed, to a treatment to make the at least one shrink thread shrink at least in said folding zone.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented). Method according to claim 9, wherein the entire cloth is subjected to the treatment to make the at least one shrink thread shrink.